

## RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

## LEGISLATURE OF GEORGIA,

IN FAVOR OF

*The appointment of a commission for the purpose of obtaining information relative to the southern pine timber region of the United States.*

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JANUARY 5, 1859.—Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

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Whereas, it is the duty, as it has been the custom, of Congress, when information touching the interest of the people of the United States is required, to appoint a commission for the purpose of obtaining the information desired—

And whereas, within the limits of the State of Georgia there is contained a very large portion of the yellow pine belt, an amount larger perhaps than in all the other States which border upon the Atlantic, and upon which a very low estimate is placed by many of our citizens, stigmatized by some as a pine barren, a desert, &c., but which, if rightly appreciated and understood, would add millions to the wealth of our citizens and greatly increase the amount of taxable property of the State—

And whereas, one of Georgia's wisest and greatest statesmen foresaw and predicted that the time was not far distant when our pine forest would become of great value; and already we find that the United States government, startled by the rapid destruction of the said pine forest, for agricultural and other purposes, have withdrawn from sale a large portion of her pine lands in Florida, for the purpose of holding the timber for the future use of her navy:

*Resolved, therefore, by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia,* That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence in having a commission appointed by Congress to inquire into the limits and extent of the southern pine belt, what will be the probable time of its duration under the present rate of depletion, the quantity of pine timber annually shipped, and to what countries, together with any and all matters of interest connected with the subject.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

JOHN W. H. UNDERWOOD,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

F. C. SHROPSHIRE,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

THEODORE L. GUERRY,  
*President of the Senate.*

W. B. TURHUNE,  
*Secretary of the Senate.*

Assented to December 11, 1858.

JOSEPH E. BROWN, *Governor.*

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,  
*Milledgeville, Georgia, December 22, 1858.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the enrolled resolution on file in this office.

[SEAL.] Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year  
aforesaid.

E. P. WATKINS,  
*Secretary of State.*